



# What's New in the City

## *City of Natchitoches*

### Return to the 50's Classic Car Show October 2 & 3

October 1, 2015

## October 2-3, 2015



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The Ninth Annual Return to the 50's Classic Car Show will be held Friday, October 2, and Saturday, October 3, 2015, in downtown Natchitoches. The event, sponsored by the Natchitoches Historic District Business Association, is expected to bring in almost 400 classic vehicles to downtown Natchitoches.

The Car Show kicks off on Friday, October 2 at 12:00 p.m. with a Poker Run along the scenic Cane River National Heritage Area. On Friday evening, the fun continues with a fish fry and live musical entertainment on the riverbank stage. Fish fry tickets are included in registration for Return to the 50s Car Show participants. General public fish fry tickets can be purchased for \$20 each.

Classic cars will be on display on Front Street and the downtown riverbank Saturday, October 3, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Entertainers will perform on three stages in downtown Natchitoches throughout the day. Ad-

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#### Did you know?

- The 2015 Class of Natchitoches Treasures will be announced October 22 at the Natchitoches Events Center.
- The 61st Annual Fall Pilgrimage Tour of Homes will take place October 9 - 11 in Historic Natchitoches.
- Cane River Creole National Historical Park will hold fall bike rides on October 17th and 31st at 9:00 a.m. Bikes, helmets, safety vests and water are provided. For more information call (318) 356-8441.
- The Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum will be open free to the public on Saturday, October 31 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in conjunction with Witch Way to Main Street.

## National Night Out October 6

Neighborhood and communities throughout Natchitoches parish will participate in National Night Out on Tuesday, October 6, 2015.

Started in 1984, "America's Night Out Against Crime" began as a way for neighborhoods to take a stand against crime by promoting involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships and community pride.

Events will include guest speakers from law enforcement and fire protection and appearances by mascots such as Sparky the Fire Dog, Daren the Lion, and Eddie Eagle. Additional events will include parades, performances, cook-outs and self-defense classes. All events will take place on Tuesday evening between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Events are free and open to the public.



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For more information on National Night Out event schedules and locations, please contact NPSO Director of Community Services Merry Byers at 318-238-7550.

## NSU Homecoming Activities October 16 & 17

Northwestern State University will host its 2015 Homecoming celebration October 16 - 17 with events for students, alumni and the community. This year's theme, selected by the Student Activities Board, is "The Homecoming Games," a take on the popular "Hunger Games" book and movie series. Reunions, receptions and other events are planned, including the popular Homecoming parade, pep rally, Rockin' on the Riverbank Festival, tailgating, football and the presentation of the Homecoming Honor Court.

"This year's Homecoming celebration will include everyone's favorite traditions such as the parade, pep rally and Rockin' on the Riverbank, which draws students, alumni and the Natchitoches community together for a great kick-off to the weekend," said Vanner Erikson, associate director of Alumni Affairs. "We are also excited about some new features as well, such as the first-ever Homecoming Breakfast at Collins Pavilion. It will be a super start to what promises to be a great day of get-togethers and tailgating."

Festivities will begin Friday, October 16 with the annual Homecoming Golf Tournament at the NSU Rec Complex. Four-man teams are invited to participate in the scramble, which will include lunch, contests and more. The annual Homecoming parade will begin at 5:30 p.m., with floats created by NSU students proceeding from campus to the Fleur de

Lis Stage on the downtown riverbank where the pep rally will take place. The pep rally will include performances by spirit groups and the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band, recognition of the football team and Honor Court and announcements of the winners of the week's student competitions.

Following the pep rally, NSU will present 80s tribute rock and roll band L.A. ROXX to entertain during the Rockin' on the Riverbank Festival until 10:00 p.m. where alumni and friends are encouraged to gather with friends and enjoy the music and festivities.

Saturday's activities include several reunions and receptions, an alumni breakfast, N Club Hall of Fame induction ceremony, and tailgating activities for alumni and friends.

Pregame activities will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Turpin Stadium. Kickoff to the Demon's football game versus Lamar University is at 6:00 p.m. with halftime ceremonies and the Honor Court presentation at approximately 7:30 p.m. Tickets to the game can be purchased in advance by calling the NSU Athletic Ticket Office at (318) 357-4268.

Information, a schedule of events and registration links for all events listed are available at [northwesternalumni.com/homecoming2015](http://northwesternalumni.com/homecoming2015) or by contacting Erikson at [eriksonv@nsula.edu](mailto:eriksonv@nsula.edu) or calling (318) 357-4415.

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mission for spectators is free.

The Return to the 50's Classic Car Show will also include activities such as Wrap the Car, Split the Pot, and a Wipeout Board to benefit the Kasey Joelle Ragan Memorial Fund. The fund raises awareness and funding for youth who attend Louisiana Lions Camp, a unique summer camp for mentally and physically challenged and diabetic youth.

For more information on the Return to the 50's Classic Car Show, please call 855-342-7469 or visit [www.natchitochescarshow.com](http://www.natchitochescarshow.com).

## Fall Market Starts October 10

The Cane River Green Market will kick off the fall 2015 market season on Saturday, October 10 in conjunction with the Crows on Cane Scarecrow Festival. Open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the downtown riverbank, opening day of the fall market will feature Cane River Green Market vendors, live musical entertainment, children's activities, demonstrations and a free Zumba class.

The Cane River Green Market will be open Saturdays, October 10 through November 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the downtown riverbank in Natchitoches. The market features local vendors of fresh fruits and vegetables, value-added products such as jams, jellies, baked goods, farm fresh eggs and honey, as well as handcrafted items including jewelry and woodwork. Market day activities include special programming, musical performances, children's activities, Zumba classes and demonstrations.

The Cane River Green Market accepts WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) vouchers, EBT/SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits, credit and debit cards. WIC and Senior FMNP vouchers issued over the summer can be redeemed at participating vendors during the fall market season. SNAP benefits may be used to purchase eligible food items such as bread products, produce, eggs, dairy products, seeds, and edible or food producing plants.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for those businesses or individuals interested in assisting with the CRGM Kids Club. The CRGM Kids Club provides an incentive to children under the age of 12 years to eat healthy by providing them tokens to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables.

For more information on the Cane River Green Market, how to become a vendor, and sponsorship opportunities, please call (318) 352-2746 or visit [www.canerivergreenmarket.com](http://www.canerivergreenmarket.com).

# Halloween Happenings in the City

## Crows on Cane Scarecrow Contest October 9

The Fourth Annual Crows on Cane Scarecrow Festival will be held Friday, October 9 in downtown Natchitoches. Sponsored by the Natchitoches Historic District Business Association, the Crows on Cane Scarecrow Festival is a great opportunity for individuals, families, businesses, clubs and organizations to showcase their creativity. Scarecrows for display may reflect a special theme and/or promote a business, organization or event. Scarecrows must be in good taste and constructed to withstand weather. Displays may not reflect controversial, social, religious, or political opinions or statements. Cash prizes will be awarded to First, Second and Third Place winners. Entry fee is \$10. Please call Dawn Wells at (318) 729-8282 for more information.



## Characters and Customs from the Crypt Cemetery Tour October 10

Be entertained by and educated about some of the more interesting people in Natchitoches' 300 year history by attending the "Characters and Customs from the Crypt" cemetery tour and memorabilia display to be held Saturday, October 10 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the American Cemetery on Second Street. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and free for children 12 years and younger accompanied by a parent. Local individuals in period costume will portray historic characters who are buried in the town's first official cemetery Louis Antoine Juchereau de St. Denis, the founder of Natchitoches, will greet you as you begin this tour of both famous and infamous personalities interred on the site. For more information and ticket information, please call (800) 259-1714 or the Natchitoches Historic Foundation at (318) 354-8800.

## NSU E-Lab Spooktacular 5K/1 Mile Race October 17

The Northwestern State University Elementary Lab School will hold its annual 5K/1 Mile race on Saturday, October 17. The 1 mile race will begin at 8:15 a.m. followed by the 5K at 9:00 a.m. beginning at Elementary Lab School. Pre-registration deadline is October 9 at a cost of \$10 for the 1 mile and \$15 for the 5K. Race day registration will begin at 7:15 a.m. at a cost of \$15 for the 1 mile and \$20 for the 5K. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in multiple age groups for both races. Shirts are only guaranteed to pre-registered participants. Runners under age 18 must have signatures of a parent or guardian. To obtain a registration form, email Amy Moore at [amoore@nat.k12.la.us](mailto:amoore@nat.k12.la.us) or call (318) 357-6973. Forms can be mailed to NSU Elementary Lab School Office, 1 Caldwell Drive, Natchitoches, LA 71497. Checks can be made payable to NSU Elementary Lab.



## Third Annual Pumpkin Glow October 29

The Natchitoches Historic District Business Association is excited to bring you the Third Annual Pumpkin Glow! Bring your family and friends to walk along the glowing path of carved jack-o-lanterns in Beau Jardin on Rue Beauport. Admission is free! Enter the gate top of Beau Jardin or north end of the riverbank next to the Roque House. Pumpkin glow begins at 6:00 p.m. HDBA would like to have a minimum of 200 carved pumpkins to help make our path! You provide the pumpkin, and we'll provide the light! Pumpkin drop off will be from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Roque House. Come join us and be a part of this great family event! For more information, call Dawn Wells at (318) 729-8282.



## Witch Way to Main Street October 31

The City of Natchitoches and Natchitoches Main Street Program will sponsor Witch Way to Main Street, a safe and free trick-or-treating event, in downtown Natchitoches on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Witch Way to Main Street will take place on the downtown riverbank and will allow children age 12 and younger to trick-or-treat at participating downtown businesses and sponsored booths. Witch Way will also feature face painting, Sparky the Fire Dog, a Haunted House, tours of the "Haunted" Natchitoches Parish Library Bookmobile, games and more! Children must be in costume and accompanied by an adult to participate. Candy and prizes will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Natchitoches police officers will be on duty to ensure children's safety. Area businesses and organizations are encouraged to sponsor booths and games at Witch Way. Booths may feature interactive games, activities and/or candy distribution. For more information on Witch Way to Main Street, please call the Natchitoches Main Street office at (318) 352-2746.





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# Go Demons!



## NSU Theatre & Dance to Present "Rent"

Northwestern State University Theatre and Dance will present the musical "Rent" Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 and Oct. 6 - 11 in Theatre West. Performance time is 7:30 p.m. except for a 2:00 p.m. matinee on Oct. 11. Pia Wyatt is the director.

Tickets are \$15, \$12 for children and seniors, and Northwestern State, BPCC@nsu and Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts students are admitted free with a current student I.D. A "Five for Fifty" package allowing patrons to see each show for \$10 or buy five tickets for one show for \$50 is available. For ticket information, call (318) 357-4218 or (318) 357-4483.

Based loosely on Puccini's "La Boheme," the play follows a year in the life of a group of impoverished young artists and musi-

cians struggling to survive and create in New York's Lower East Side under the shadow of HIV/AIDS. Set in the East Village of New York City in the early 1990s, "Rent" is about falling in love, finding your voice and living for today.



The play is recommended for mature audiences only.

The 2015-16 Theatre and Dance schedule includes an outdoor performance of Shakespeare's "As You Like It" on Nov. 5 - 7 and 12 - 14 at the Normal Hill Columns, "Illumination

of Dance" on Feb. 18 - 20 in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium, "Really, Really" on Mar. 9 - 13 and 16 - 19 in Theatre West and "Oklahoma" on Apr. 20 - 214 in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

## Upcoming Holidays & Important Dates

Cane River Green Market - Each Saturday beginning Oct. 10th from 8:00 a.m. - noon on the Downtown Riverbank

Oct. 2 & 3: Return to the 50's Classic Car Show, downtown Natchitoches

Oct. 5: Historic District Commission meeting, 5:00 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Oct. 6: Planning & Zoning Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Oct. 8: Natchitoches Central High School Homecoming Pep Rally, 5:00 p.m. on the Downtown Riverbank

Oct. 9 & 10: Crows on Cane Scarecrow Festival on Front Street. Registration is 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at the Main Street Office on Friday, Oct. 9.

Oct. 9 - 11: 61st Annual Fall Pilgrimage Tour of Homes in Historic Natchitoches

Oct. 10: ACS Bark for Life, 8:00 a.m. -

1:00 p.m. at the corner of St. Clair and Williams Avenue.

Oct. 10: Christmas Angels Pageant, 1:00 p.m. at Magale Recital Hall

Oct. 10: Characters and Customs from the Crypt Cemetery Tour and Memorabilia Display, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the American Cemetery

Oct. 12: City Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Oct. 13 - 15: Modern in Motion III, 6:00 p.m. each night in Beau Jardin. Admission charged.

Oct. 16: NSU Homecoming Parade, Pep Rally & Rockin' on the Riverbank Festival, 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. on the Downtown Riverbank

Oct. 17: NSU E-Lab Spooktacular 5K/1 mile run, 8:15 a.m. at NSU E-Lab.

Oct. 17: NSU vs Lamar, 6:00 p.m. at

Turpin Stadium

Oct. 18: Modern in Motion III (matinee performance), 3:00 p.m. in Beau Jardin. Admission charged.

Oct. 19: Airport Commission Meeting, 5:00 p.m. at Natchitoches Regional Airport

Oct. 22: Natchitoches Treasures Program, 11:00 a.m. at the Natchitoches Events Center

Oct. 22: St. Mary's High School Homecoming Pep Rally, 5:00 p.m. on the Downtown Riverbank

Oct. 26: City Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Oct. 29: Pumpkin Glow, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in Beau Jardin

Oct. 31: Witch Way to Main Street, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on the Downtown Riverbank